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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-ACCEPTANCE OF SMALL ENTITY PATENT MAINTENANCE FEE

Sir:

1. In response to the notice of non-acceptance of small entity patent maintenance fee dated 6 March 2012, there is provided a written assertion of the entitlement of the assignee to small entity status.
   Camtek Ltd, The assignee of US patent 6824056 is entitled to small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27(c) and was entitled to a small entity status during the last couple of years.

2. A response is due April 6, 2012. Accordingly, this response is being timely filed.

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